

East Lyme Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2018

Present: Robert Pfanner
Sue Kumro
Roger Nadeau
Charles Fenick
Jackie Curry
Pat Larkin

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Absent: Thomas Beebe

Also Present: David Putnam, Director of Parks and Recreation
Kevin Seery, Ex officio

1. Call to Order. Mr. Pfanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

2. Delegations. There were no guests.

3. Minutes of Meeting September 13, 2018. Mr. Pfanner asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the September 13, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

MOTION (1): Ms. Curry moved to approve the September 13, 2018 Parks and Recreation Minutes, as presented.
Seconded by Mr. Fenick. (6-0) Unanimous.

4. Director's Report. (See attached)

5. Ex-Officio Report. Mr. Seery reported weather permitting the paving on Main Street is scheduled for October 17, 2018. The Town is now paving in Saunders Point.

COSTCO is working on permits. The work is expected to begin next year. There has been discussion with Water & Sewer on how much sewer discharge they can get in a day,

Ms. Curry asked how many stores there will be in this project?

Mr. Seery informed the Commission the project will not be seen from Rt. 161.

A Town Meeting will be held next week to vote on the Board of Selectmen giving \$25,000 to the Board of Education to set aside money for replacement of the High School turf field. The estimated cost is \$700,000.

6. Communications.

a.) Letter from Beth Shluger of the Hartford Marathon Foundation regarding the triathlon's impact on our community. She will come to a meeting of this Commission to discuss the triathlon.

7. Unfinished Business.

a.) Future Park Development. The Athletic Field/Park Construction is in the Preliminary Capital Improvement Budget of 2022-2023.

b.) Miracle League Field. (See Director's Report.)

8. Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

9. New Business. Ms. Kumro reported Mr. Putnam was selected for the 2018 Distinguished Award which is a huge honor. A luncheon in his honor will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Mohegan Sun. Tickets cost \$50 per person. A RSVP is requested by October 19, 2018.

MOTION (2): **Mr. Fenick moved to adjourn the East Lyme Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting of October 11, 2018 at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Curry. (6-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary

Director's Report
October 11, 2018

McCook Point Park:

- Swim buoys and the raft has been taken in for the year. In the near future we will be looking to upgrade the raft.
- Upcoming Special Event:
 - Touch a Truck on Saturday, October 13 – this is the last scheduled use of the tent we will take it down in the next few weeks.
- Recent Special Events:
 - Jeffrey's Rainbow Run on September 14 – 144 participants
 - Out of the Darkness Walk on September 15- Over 400 participants
 - Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Awareness walk – Oct. 6 rest station
 - NA Rock Fest – Oct. 6th
- Hartford Marathon Foundation and Executive Beth Shulger responded to Mr. Pfanner's letter and would like to meet in November after their Marathon this weekend.
- Restrooms will stay open as long as weather permits.

Athletic Facilities:

- War at the Shore tournaments are done for the 2018 season we hosted 13 tournaments and things ran smoothly, Mr. Zrenda does a good of communicating with the office.
- The cell phone tower project on the Keser field is complete.
- Girls Varsity Soccer team still utilizes Keser and Firehouse for practices and we are host to a number of Freshmen and JV Soccer games.
- Fields are in great condition maintenance crew is doing an awesome job.
- We will be aerating and over-seeding once the Soccer season is over in mid November.
- Fundraising for the Miracle League Field is now over the \$200,000 mark, hosted the first annual Oyster Festival on October 6th at Rogers Field at St. John's Church. Next event will be November 16 at the Mohegan Sun.

Budget:

- Attached for your review is a draft of the 10 year capital improvement budget. The town's CIP committee will be meeting shortly to start discussions.

Miscellaneous/Programs:

- The third annual Bike and BBQ event sponsored with the Historical Society was a great success we had over 350 participants event was held on Saturday, September 29.
- The date for the light parade has been set for Saturday, December 8th start time of 6 p.m. with a snow/rain date of Sunday, December 9th.

